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tention.

New Nature Christianity--Wonderful Chasm.

Mr. Eliotson. A. Vermont is becoming renowned for the beauty and grandeur of natural scenery, perhaps anything that relates to "nature in nature" may be interesting to your readers.

I well remember some eight or ten years ago, having much said about a certain "cave" or chasm, called, in the town of Peacham, by friends who resided near it, and at the time proposed to visit it. But something prevented me from doing so, and soon after I left this vicinity, taking count of it in any of the papers, I began to conclude perhaps it was not a great wonder after all, and so thought no more of it until a few days since, when having returned to my native town, I found myself very much excited, by again hearing the story of the cave, and I determined to go if possible before again leaving old England. Accordingly on the 21st instant, I and two friends, provided with ropes, bundles, &c, proceeded to the spot.

It is on the farm of Hartwell Hooker of Peacham, and about a hundred and fifty rods southward from his house. It is in an abrupt and rugged hill of granite; the surface of which is broken and fractured in such a manner as to show plainly, that some of the mightiest forces in nature, have tried their skill at splitting stone, with wonderful success. The top of the hill, however, gives no evidence of any such power, as the entrance being cut on one side of the hill, and is now about the size of a common house door, some distance having been broken away. When discovered, it was hardly large enough to admit a man's body. The chasm is surrounded by the entire mass of solid granite of which the hill is composed, breaking, and spalling about four feet.

The hill on either side is remarkably smooth and rounded, presenting a high and commanding view of the surrounding country, and having been broken away. When discovered, it was hardly large enough to admit a man's body. The chasm is surrounded by the entire mass of solid granite of which the hill is composed, breaking, and spalling about four feet.

A German lady, Ada Pfleiffer, has lately published a sketch of a journey through Iceland. This work has been translated by Miss Cooper, and published by Putnam, & Company, with a preface and notes giving some account of the mountains, that some of the mightiest forces in nature, have tried their skill at splitting stone, with wonderful success. The top of the hill, however, gives no evidence of any such power, as the entrance being cut on one side of the hill, and is now about the size of a common house door, some distance having been broken away. When discovered, it was hardly large enough to admit a man's body. The chasm is surrounded by the entire mass of solid granite of which the hill is composed, breaking, and spalling about four feet.

Mr. Hartson.—The whole region at the foot of Hecla, and especially at the place where the peasants were encamped, had been covered with snow, and the heavy steps of the peasants were heard in hollow, reverberating tones, such as I had never heard at Vesuvius or anywhere else. These sounds appeared very wild to me when I was alone at night shut up in my dark retreat.

My Hecla guide, I call him so to distinguish him from the one who accompanied me from Reykjavik—assured me that we might be safe, as far as we could see, when we descended the steep sides of the mountain, and led the other down on the ice. I was the first to enter. Some places, with both hands, with some difficulty I made my way down, and then a little foothold by means of a sharp rock against one side, and my right hand, and in this way I descended a few feet, when I found the snow partially filled with loose rock which lay scattered on the ice, and some how slipped and fell. Here I stopped until I had lit a lighted candle down to me, and then lit another. We then descended the steep sides of the mountain, and in this way I descended a few feet, when I found the snow partially filled with loose rock which lay scattered on the ice, and some how slipped and fell. Here I stopped until I had lit a lighted candle down to me, and then lit another.

We copied a graphic sketch of her visit to Mt. Hecla. It cannot fail to interest the reader.

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It was a beautiful warm morning, and we galloped gaily over the meadows and adjacent sand plains. This fine weather was considered a very favorable omen by my guide, who told me that Mr. Greenfield, the French Naturalist already mentioned, had been delayed three days by a storm before he could ascend the mountains; this was nine years ago, and none had made the attempt since that time. A Danish prince, who had travelled through Iceland a few years since, had been here, indeed, but for some unexplained reason he had left the place without undertaking a visit to Mt. Hecla.

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